

Mr. Robert Dunn
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Dear Mr. Dunn:

Pursuant to Part 417 of Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), this letter is to inform you of the determination of the Department of the Interior regarding the proposed schedule of diversions and beneficial use of Colorado River water during calendar year (CY) 2003 by the Gila Monster Farms (Farm).

Acting on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) and pursuant to a specific delegation of authority from the Secretary, this is the final 43 C.F.R. Part 417 determination of an approved Colorado River water order for the Farm for CY 2003.

The 2003 AOP provides that in the event that the Quantification Settlement Agreement and its related documents are executed by December 31, 2002, consistent with the applicable provisions of the Interim Surplus Guidelines, the Full Domestic Surplus will govern releases for use in the Lower Basin States of Arizona, Nevada and California during CY 2003. The 2003 AOP also provides that in the event that the Quantification Settlement Agreement and its related documents are not executed by December 31, 2002, consistent with applicable provisions of the Interim Surplus Guidelines, the Normal determination will govern releases for use in the States of Arizona, Nevada and California during CY 2003.

Under the Farm's contract with the United States for delivery of Colorado River water (Contract No. 6-07-30-W0337), the Farm is entitled to divert up to (1) 780 acre-feet of Present Perfected Right (2) 6,285 acre-feet of Second priority Colorado River water, (3) 1,435 acre-feet of fourth priority Colorado River water, (4) 656 acre-feet of unused Arizona entitlement (fifth priority) and 1,700 acre-feet of Arizona State Land Department entitlement. The Farm has requested delivery of all such available entitlements. No Arizona sixth priority water is available to the Farm in 2003. Based upon our September 27, 2002 consultation and the estimates of diversions required by the Farm which were provided to our office, the Farm's diversion schedule and total diversions of 10,856 acre-feet for CY 2003 are approved.

We will be monitoring and projecting diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during

CY 2003 in an effort to ensure that the annual entitlement of each authorized user is not exceeded. These projections will be made available to the water users monthly during 2003. It is expected that the Farm will use this information to adjust diversions to remain within approved annual quantities.

Sincerely,

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